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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH GOJ ON 7TH UNGA SS

REF: (A) AMBASSADOR/HEAVNER TELCON 11 AUGUST

(B) KINGSTON 2987

1. DURING DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER OF STATE DUDLEY THOMPSON AUGUST 11 ON UPCOMING 7TH UNGA SS HE INFORMED ME GOJ WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY FOR SIR EDGERTON RICHARDSON, FORMER JAMAICAN AMBASSADOR TO US AND UN, TO CONSULT WITH SENIOR USG OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AUGUST 18 (PREFERABLE) AND/OR 19 ON UPCOMING UNGA SS (REF A). THOMPSON HAD LITTLE TO SAY ON GOJ'S APPROACH TO SS BEYOND THAT WHICH I HAD ALREADY RECEIVED FROM THE PRIME MINISTER (REF B). WHEN I MENTIONED THAT WE WELCOMED THE PRIME MINISTER'S INDICATION THAT HIS SPEECH WOULD BE NON-CONFRONTATIONAL AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL, THOMPSON WAS QUICK TO AGREE BUT WITH THE CRYPTIC QUALIFICATION "WHILE SATISFYING THE MOST FEVERISH PRESSURES OF THE MOMENT".

2. LATER IN THE DAY I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH SIR EDGERTON RICHARDSON, WHO WAS MORE CANDID AND FORTH-COMING THAN THOMPSON ON JAMAICA'S APPROACH TO THE SPECIAL
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SESSION. HE BELIEVES THERE IS "NO ALTERNATIVE TO SOME

RHETORI" IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH. JAMAICA AND ITS THIRD WORLD COLLEAGUES ARE "NOT CONVINCED THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE COMMITTED TO A TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM". TINKERING IS NOT ENOUGH. THE LDC'S DON'T WANT A REHASH OF THE 6TH UNGA SS. CERDS AND NIEO EXIST, THEY HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND NOW IS THE TIME TO MOVE ON. THE LDC'S, AND JAMAICA IN PARTICULAR, CONSIDER INDUSTRIALIZATION OR THE TRANSFER OF INDUSTRIES ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE SS. IT APPEARS THIS IS A TOPIC THE DC'S SEEM INTENT ON AVOIDING

3. RICHARDSON WAS NOT OVERLY RECEPTIVE TO MY SUGGESTIONS THAT: (A) DESPITE THE GOOD WILL OF THE DC'S, ONE COULD NOT REALISTICALLY EXPECT A FUNDAMENTAL REVISION OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM TO EMERGE FROM THE BRIEF SS, GIVEN THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED; AND (B) UNCTAD AND GATT ALREADY WERE OCCUPIED WITH SOME OF THE MAJOR ISSUES. AN ATTEMPT BY THE SS TO DUPLICATE OR REHASH THE WORK OF THESE BODIES COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND LEAD TO A DISSIPATION OF ENERGIES

4. THE RESPONSE TO MY INTERJECTION WAS A YES, BUT THE "LDC'S ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE LACK OF ACHIEVEMENT IN GATT AND UNCTAD". THESE FORA HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY. THE PROCESS OF CHANGE BEGAN IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HOWEVER, AND THE LDC'S WANT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONTINUE TO PERFORM AN OVERVIEW ROLE. THE LDC'S FRANKLY ARE CONCERNED BY THE DILATORY PERFORMANCE OF THESE BODIES AND WANT AN ACCOUNTING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF "WHY REFORM HAS BOGGED DOWN".

5. COMMENT: THE EMERGENCE OF THE TESTY, INTELLIGENT, AND TACTICALLY ASTUTE RICHARDSON AS A KEY FORMULATOR OF THE GOJ'S APPROACH TO THE 7TH UNGA SS, HAS CONFIRMED MY SUSPICION THAT JAMAICA WILL BE MUCH MORE STRIDENT AND AGGRESSIVE AT THE SS THAN PREVIOUSLY INDICATED BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND DUDLEY THOMPSON. AT A CHANCE MEETING WITH DON MILLS LAST NIGHT, HE SUPPORTED IN EVERY PARTICULAR THE THRUST OF RICHARDSON'S COMMENTS TO ME

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6. REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:

(A) A RESPONSE BY COB AUGUST 14 TO THE GOJ'S REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION BETWEEN RICHARDSON AND SENIOR USG OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AUGUST 18 OR 19 (JAMAICA PERMREP DON MILLS, WHO CURRENTLY IS TAKING LEAVE ON ISLAND, PROBABLY WOULD ACCOMPANY HIM TO WASHINGTON).

(B) REF (B) (PARA 6) REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO
THE PRIME MINISTER'S SUGGESTION OF CONSULTATIONS WITH ALISTAIR
MCINTYRE. A TIMELY RESPONSE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. GERARD

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